

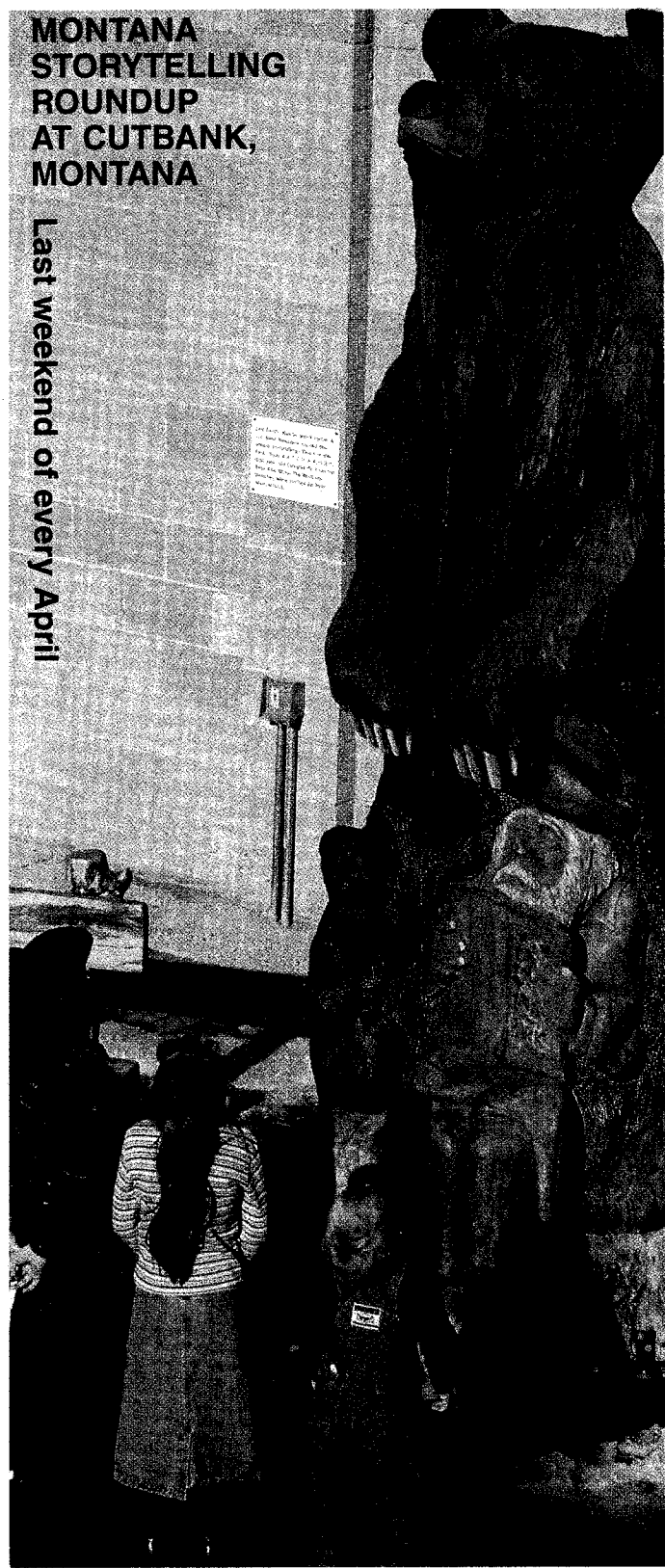
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**MONTANA
STORYTELLING
ROUNDUP
AT CUTBANK,
MONTANA**

Last weekend of every April



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January 29, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure I am writing this letter of support for the organizers of the Montana Storytelling Roundup. I believe the Montana Storytelling Roundup, which is held annually each spring in Cut Bank, would be an excellent choice as a grant recipient.

During its 14-year history, the Montana Storytelling Roundup has grown in the number of participants, most of who are either Montana residents or who have ties to Montana. The Storytelling Roundup is more than just an entertaining two-day event. Storytellers, artists, musicians, etc., are recruited to share their talents in the classrooms of several school districts in Glacier County and the surrounding area. In addition to being entertaining, the Storytelling Roundup is an excellent educational experience for students as well as adults.

My husband and I own and operate four award-winning weekly newspapers in Glacier, Toole and Pondera Counties: the Cut Bank Pioneer Press, Browning Glacier Reporter, The Shelby Promoter and The Valerian. As such, we have the opportunity to help promote many worthwhile community events. We enjoy working with the organizers of the Montana Storytelling Roundup because they provide us with not only the names of the performers, but also biographies, photographs and contact information. Promoting the Montana Storytelling Roundup is a reporter's dream because not only is it an easy assignment thanks to the organization of the committee, but it is also one that has high reader appeal. As a business owner and former President of the Cut Bank Area Chamber of Commerce, we see the economic benefits this event has on our community at a time of year when visitor traffic is traditionally slow.

I, personally, have attended several performances of this event. During the past 14 years I have seen the Montana Storytelling Roundup escalate from one woman's dream to bring some sort of cultural entertainment to her hometown, to an event that has received not only state recognition, but also national and international acclaim.

It is my belief, the 15th annual Montana Storytelling Roundup is an event worthy of your support and ask you to seriously consider its grant application. I also invite members of your committee to attend this annual event and see for yourself what a quality Made-in-Montana attraction the Montana Storytelling Roundup has become.

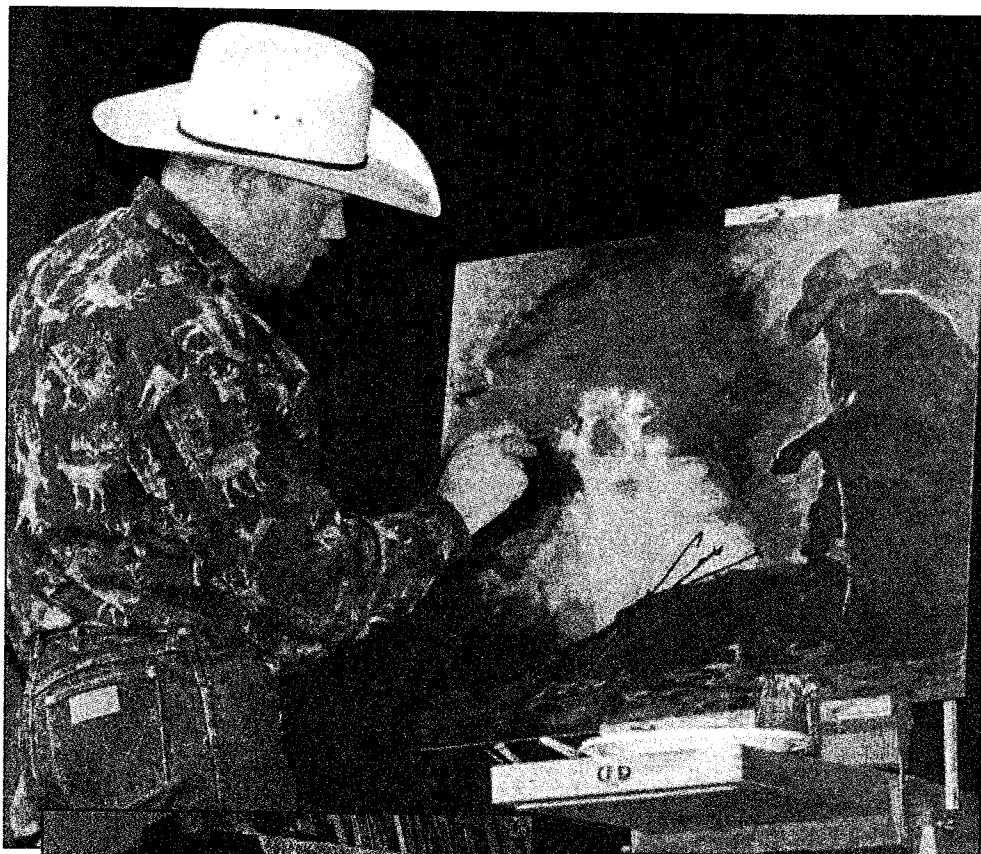
Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LeAnne Kavanagh", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

LeAnne Kavanagh
Co-Publisher
Cut Bank Pioneer Press, Browning Glacier Reporter
Shelby Promoter and The Valerian

Montana Storytelling Roundup



The Montana Storytelling Roundup brings to Cut Bank a wide variety of talent including professional storytellers, humorists, cowboy and cowgirl poets, musicians, singers, artists, and craftsmen. Started in 1995, past roundups have included an antique toy display, live animals, a quilt show, and much more. It is guaranteed to entertain the whole family. It is the aim of the Storytelling Roundup Committee to promote Montana and the talented people who live here.

The Montana Storytelling Roundup is held in late April each year. The highlight of the event is the Friday and Saturday session. Storytelling/Artists in Review held Friday night features mini-performances by the participating entertainers.

Saturday's schedule includes special programs for the kids and entertainment for the whole family. Each entertainer presents their program where you can get up close and personal with your favorite performer. Special exhibits are available for viewing all day. There is a nominal fee for admission to the event but well worth the two days of entertainment.

If you are interested in participating, contact the Chamber at 406-873-4041 or email them at cbchambe@norternel.net and they will forward your request.



MONTANA STORYTELLING SCHOOL SCHEDULE MAR 13, 2008

TUESDAY APRIL 22, 2008

9:00AM-3:00 PM K.W. BERGAN SCHOOL (315 STUDENTS) K & 1ST
DELLA DUBBE AND KATHY MC DANIEL
THEY WILL BE SPLIT INTO 9 GROUPS-30 MIN
(LUNCH WITH THE CHILDREN)

1:00-3:00PM NAPI SCHOOL (352 STUDENTS) GRADES 4, 5, 6
DENNIS SEGLEM AND PAT HAGAN
4th---133 5th---114 6th---109

WEDNESDAY APRIL 23, 2008

H.C. DAVIS SCHOOL -
PAT HAGAN "BIRD BRAINS"

10:30-11:15 AM 1ST GRADE
11:30-12:15 PM 3RD GRADE
12:15-12:45 PM LUNCH BREAK WITH CHILDREN
12:45-1:30 PM 2ND GRADE
2:00-2:45 PM KINGERGARDEN

6:30PM GLACIER CARE CENTER
SCOTT KIRBY & KATEY BELLVILLE (if she wants)

THURSDAY APRIL 24, 2008

8:30-9:30AM HIDDEN LAKE COLONY SCHOOL
KATEY BELLVILLE AND COLLEEN FERRIES AKA LAURA
INGALLS WILDER

10:45AM-3:05 PM VINA CHATTIN SCHOOL (274 STUDENTS) GRADE 2-3
COLLEEN FERRIES AKA LAURA INGALLS WILDER
SEE SCHEDULE ATTACHED (LUNCH AT SCHOOL)

9:00-11:00 AM EAST GLACIER SCHOOL
SCOTT KIRBY, DENNIS SEGLEM & PAT HAGAN

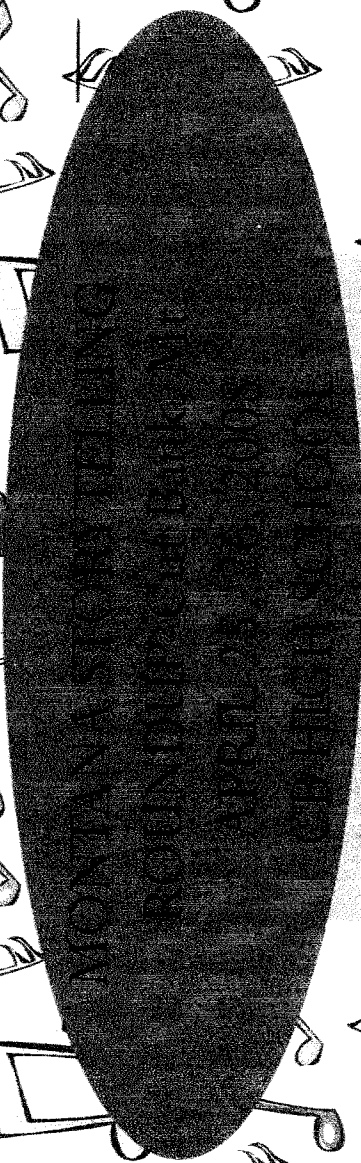
12:15 PM LUNCH AT BABB SCHOOL

1:00-3:00 PM BABB SCHOOL
SCOTT KIRBY, DENNIS SEGLEM & PAT HAGAN

11:00-11:45	BROWNING HIGH SCHOOL KATEY BELLVILLE
1:44 PM	BROWNING MIDDLE SCHOOL KATEY BELLVILLE
6:00 PM	POT LUCK DINNER AT THE ANNEX

FRIDAY APRIL 25, 2008

8:30-9:30 AM	BIG SKY COLONY SCHOOL KATEY BELLVILLE & COLLEEN FERRIES
9:45-10:45 AM	GLENDALE COLONY SCHOOL KATEY BELLVILLE & COLLEEN FERRIES
11:15AM	LUNCH AT GLACIER COLONY
12:45-2:00PM	GLACIER COLONY KATEY BELLVILLE (1 st so she can go to the CBHS) & COLLEEN FERRIES
9:00-10:45 AM	MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL—SEVILLE COLONY KEN OVERCAST AND FAITH HALINGSTAD
11:30	LUNCH AT SEVILLE COLONY (must leave by 12:30 for Cut Bank)
12:00 NOON	PARKVIEW SENIOR CENTER SCOTT KIRBY
1:44-3:15 PM	CBHS—CBMS—ANNA JEFFERIES SCHOOL—AUDITORIUM FAITH HALINGSTAD, KEN OVERCAST, SCOTT KIRBY & KATEY BELLVILLE
5:00 PM	DINNER AT ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH 602 E. MAIN
7:00 PM	STORYTELLERS/ARTISTS IN REVIEW---CBHS AUDITORIUM



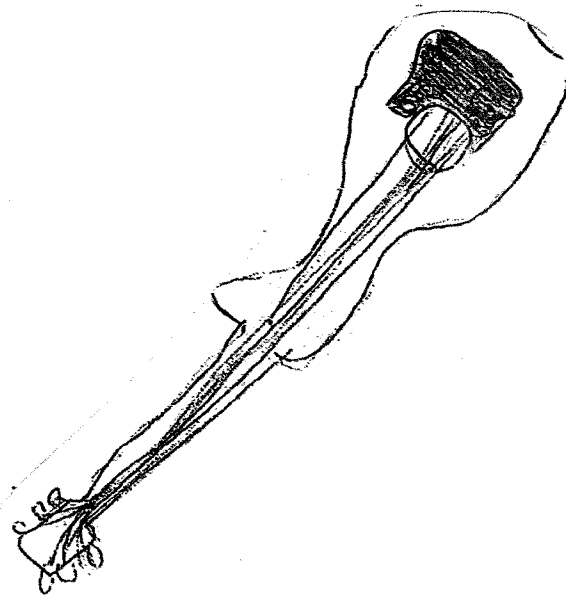
FRIDAY APRIL 25, 2008
STORYTELLERS/ARTISTS
7:00-10:00 PM
AUDITORIUM

Saturday April 26, 2008
Entertainer programs
Lunch available
10:00am-4:00 pm

Buttons: Adult \$15.00
Students \$5.00
Five and under free

Tim Joyner artist on stage Friday night

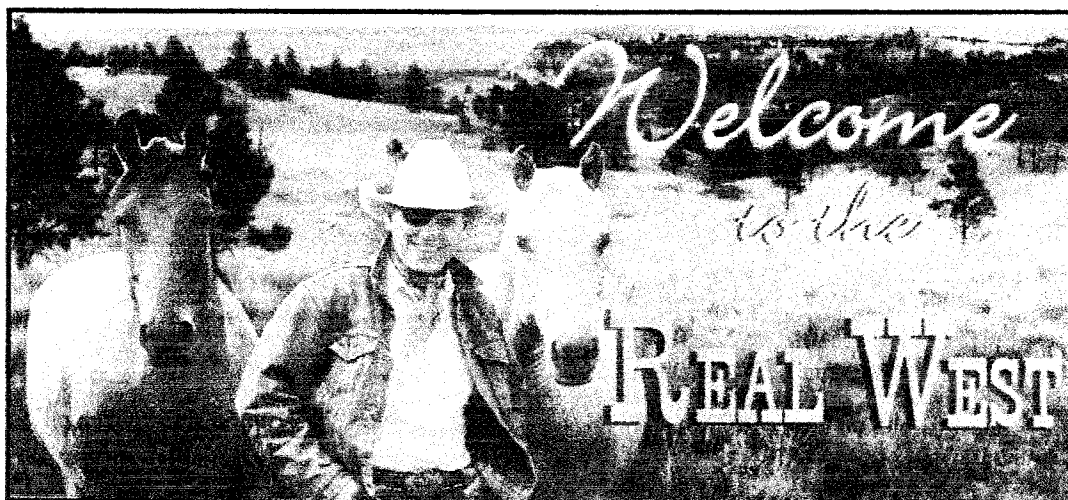
Raffle tickets \$5.00 each or 3/\$10.00



Dear Storytelling Organizers

Thank-you for taking your time
and coming out here to share stories.
We really enjoyed the music and the
story of Laura Ingalls Wilder. We
really appreciated you coming out
here. Hope you come again next year.

Hidden Lake Colony
Students.



May 22, 2008

All The News That's Fit To Print....

We're making a run to Harlotown, Montana this weekend to do a show in conjunction with the High School Rodeo that's in town there. That should be a good time. Those young cowboys and cowgirls sure have a lot of spunk, and it always renews my faith in the next generation to watch them give their all.

The Montana Storytelling Roundup was a ton of fun again this year. Of course, 10 year old Fiddlin' Faith stole the show. She's a dang hard act to follow, and it looks like it might even get harder. She's getting better every time she gets on stage.

I just finished planting a field of oats yesterday, and it's rainin' today, and although I ain't a kid anymore, that old sayin' is still true: "The Lord looks out for children and idiots." What a deal!

Our syndicated radio program continues to gain ground with a lot of new interest east of the Mississippi. Cowboy music is a distant cousin of bluegrass, so maybe that's the reason. Whatever it is, we're tickled pink.

We're busy compiling stories for a brand new book that's set for publication this fall. Steven Oiestad has agreed to paint another cover picture, and the world infamous Ben Crane will again do the illustrations. I think it will be our best one yet. We'll keep you posted.

Gotta run..... here's a little audio clip , (it's almost all the truth, too).

Quit fiddlin' around! Plan to attend Storytelling Roundup

By LINDA BRUCH
Cut Bank Pioneer Press

Everyone loves a good story, especially when it's told in a way that keeps you entertained and interested in hearing more. That's what the Montana Storytelling Roundup is all about, telling stories and entertaining those that come to listen.

This year's Roundup comes to Cut Bank this weekend, April 25-26, and is once again being held at the Cut Bank High School. Admission for all the sessions is \$15 for adults and \$5 for students. Ad-

mission is free for children under five years of age.

The program begins on Friday evening at 7 p.m. with each entertainer being given a 15 or 20 minute time slot. This is a "teaser" for the main event on Saturday when each performer has a longer time in which to tell their "stories" that range from comedy, to history, to music and everything in between.

Donna Lenoir, one of the organizers of the Roundup is grateful for the community support this event always brings.

"We would like to thank the local businesses for coming through for us this year. The paperwork for our grant was misplaced and didn't get filed in time for us to receive the money we count on each year to make this event happen. So the Cut Bank businesses really stepped up and thanks to them we can hold the Storytelling Roundup again this year," she stated.

The grant money they normally receive equates to \$4,500. Considering the expenses this event incurs, especially in the dollars paid out for the entertainers that \$4,500 can get used up pretty quickly.

"We have been very blessed that we make enough money each year to pay the bills," added Lenoir.

This year's lineup includes some of the best storytellers and entertainers from around state and beyond. Ken Overcast, a Chinook native, is one of the headliners and is always one of the most entertaining. Overcast writes the syndicated column *Meadow Muffins*, which appears in the *Cut Bank Pioneer Press*, *Shelby Promoter* and *The Valerian*. Along with his wonderful storytelling skills, he is also a cowboy musician, having recorded seven CDs.

Following in her grandfather's footsteps, Ken Overcast's granddaughter, Faith Halingstad will



Faith Halingstad is one of the featured entertainers at this weekend's Storytelling Roundup.

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lenoir

From: "Sue Hart" <shart@msubillings.edu>
To: "lenoir" <lenoir@northerntel.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 27, 2008 12:32 PM
Subject: Storytellers

Hi Donna, I apologize for not writing to you sooner; I came back to finals weeks, followed by Commencement pretty much straight into teaching three hours a day for our first summer session. (That session is almost over, now, so some of the pressure is off, although three hours a day teaching composition is TIRING! Dick and I had a great time at the Storytellers' program. What a great group of people, both the presenters and those who can to be entertained, enlightened, etc. Everyone was very, very nice; thank you for including us. I thought things went very well, except for one little problem minutes between sessions wasn't enough time, and some presenters apparently thought they had a full hour and thus ran over, causing others to have to shorten their presentations or commit the same offense. I know you're packing as much as possible into a single day, but maybe 15 minutes between sessions would be more doable. Just a suggestion. We're both looking forward to visiting the Cut Bank region again, and we thank you and all your committee for their hospitality. It was much appreciated.
 Sincerely, Sue Hart

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lenoir

From: "Katey Bellville" <skycoldblue@yahoo.com>
To: "lenoir" <lenoir@northerntel.net>
Sent: Monday, May 26, 2008 1:43 PM
Subject: Re: hello

Hi Donna, thanks again for having me for the Storytelling Roundup :)
 It was soo much fun, I just can't stop saying marvelous things about my experience out there to all of my friends and family here* It was a truly great time and I'll always remember it.
 Minneapolis life is good, now that the sun is shining I'll be in a great mood until next winter... I hope your weather has improved as well :)

Take care. and thanks for the nackaøe in the mail!

Cut Bank Public Schools

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101 Third Avenue SE
Cut Bank, MT 59427
406-873-2229
406-873-4691 FAX

Date: May 6, 2008

To: Lee Jacobsen, Donna Lenoir, and Jewell Wolk

RE: STORYTELLING

I want to congratulate you on your very successful Storytelling Roundup in April. Your group of ladies and gentlemen put forth a great effort in this annual event which impacts folks of all ages. All of the performers I saw were of great quality and our students benefited from the experience.

Thank you for keeping the individual schools in mind with your storytelling activities. The kids certainly enjoy listening to your stories and musical selections.

Thanks again for including us and good luck in your preparations for next year.

Sincerely,



Wade Johnson, Superintendent
Cut Bank Schools

lenoir

From: "Colleen Ferries" <mcatj-l@wavecom.net>
To: <lenoir@northermtel.net>
Sent: Saturday, May 10, 2008 9:30 AM
Subject: Fw: Storytellers Roundup

I mailed this earlier but found it in my Howie Filter because I used the com instead of net. I did have a wonderful time. CF

Dear Donna,

I want to thank you for having me as a speaker for the 2008 Roundup.

It was a wonderful experience and I learned a great deal. The children were delightful and the adults seemed interested in the things that brought back memories of their own. The colonies were amazing! I'm so glad that I got to stay longer at the last one when Jetta and Ron (I think that is his name). They were so kind to me.

Please convey my thanks to the committee. It was wonderful to meet so many outstanding people. Give my best to Jewell, too, as she invited me to her home for a short time and showed me one of her interesting quilts. I don't have her address.

We are experiencing a spring snowstorm warning and have had winds since yesterday of at least 30 mph. Yuck!

Best wishes and God's blessings,

Colleen

Previous Entertainer

Magic Around the Bend

2009 Coast-to-coast Story Tour by Bike



Dear Donna,

There's MAGIC around the bend . . . and I'd love you to be part of it.

As you may or may not know, my life's work is, and has been for many years, teaching, healing and entertaining through the art of storytelling. I've been privileged to work as far afield as the British Isles, and in hundreds of schools, libraries, festivals, and colleges across the nation.

In summer of 2009 I am telling stories on the longest bicycle ride of my life. It's a once-in-a-lifetime 4,300-mile storytelling tour across the northern United States, journeying from Maine to Washington through eleven states and Canada.

As crazy as it sounds, I've felt guided--even compelled toward this tour.

I realize some have never heard a storyteller, or know anything about the art of storytelling. Let me share the stirrings of my soul about this revered art. By storytelling I mean the fire of heroism lighting a child's way through a mob of bullies, a mother's warm cloak in the winter of despair. Storytelling sparks the glow of happily-ever-after in a young girl's eyes, and plants the seed of dreams deep in the heart. When I speak of storytelling I speak of hope eternal, for storytelling is nothing less than the voice of angels leading us to kneel in reverence to the past.

This is the power . . . the magic of storytelling.

I'm inviting you to be a part of the magic. Please join me in the adventure of a lifetime by following the journey online, sending prayers heavenward, or contacting me with questions or words of encouragement. Better yet--if you're of an adventurous mind, come join me on any leg of the trip!

Website: <http://adventureteller.com>
Blog: <http://crazyguyonabike.com/doc/adventure2009>
e-mail: adventureteller@mac.com
phone: 480-208-1460

Best wishes for a most magical time of year. See you around the bend.

Layne

P.S. Hope to see you this summer on the way through! Best for '09, Donna.

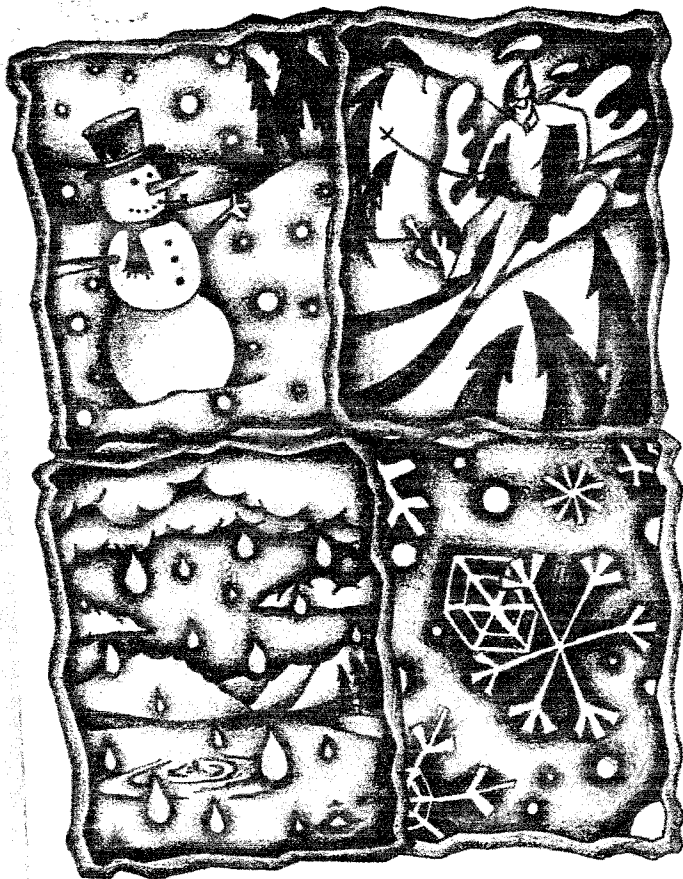
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2007-2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER-APRIL



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Dates subject to change. Please verify before travel.
All telephone numbers are reached by area code 406.
Alternative accessible formats of this document will be provided on request.

MARCH

- 1 **BEN ALI HAGGIN'S MILE HIGH NORDIC SKI RACE**—Anaconda 782-0316
- 1-2 **SNOWBOARD JAM**—Missoula 549-9777
- 1-2 **TERRAIN PARK JAM SNOWBOARD/SKIER**—Bozeman 586-1518
- 6-9 **WINTER CLASSIC**—Whitefish 862-8146
- 7-9 **BILLINGS HOME IMPROVEMENT SHOW**—Billings 259-3114
- 8 **IRISH FAIR**—Libby 293-2336
- 8 **MILK RIVER WAGON TRAIN FEED AND DANCE**—Malta 654-2677
- 8 **WINE AND FOOD FESTIVAL**—Great Falls 761-1900
- 8-9 **NATIONAL FINALS SKI JORING RACES**—Red Lodge 446-3232
- 9 **DUGGAN DOLAN BLARNEY STONE FUN RUN**—Butte 723-3239
- 12-16 **C.M. RUSSELL AUCTION & EXHIBITORS SHOW**—Great Falls 761-6453
- 12-16 **WESTERN HERITAGE ARTISTS ASSOCIATION ART SHOW**—Great Falls 453-2990
- 13-16 **GREAT FALLS NATIVE AMERICAN ART SHOW**—Great Falls 761-1371
- 13-16 **JAY CONTWAY AND FRIENDS ART SHOW**—Great Falls 452-7647
- 14-15 **EASTERN MONTANA CELTIC FESTIVAL**—Glendive 377-6690
- 14-15 **NORTHEAST MONTANA FARM EXPO**—Plentywood 765-1480
- 14-16 **WORLD SNOWMOBILE EXPO**—West Yellowstone 646-7701
- 15 **ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S RACE**—Anaconda 563-7618
- 15 **PINHEAD CLASSIC**—Bozeman 586-1518
- 15-16 **ANNUAL SNOW RODEO**—Essex 888-5700
- 15-16 **NATE CHUTE HAWAIIAN CLASSIC**—Whitefish 862-2900
- 16 **SPRING FLING TRADE SHOW & CRAFT SHOW**—Lewistown 535-3441
- 16-17 **ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVENTS**—Butte 782-4244
- 17 **ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**—Anaconda 563-2400
- 23 **NORTH DAKOTA DOWNHILL**—Missoula 549-9777
- 27-30 **BOZEMAN EXCHANGE EXPO**—Bozeman 585-8181
- 28-30 **MONTANA OUTDOOR RECREATION EXPOSITION**—Billings 657-1333
- 30 **THE HELLROARING SALOON SKI GOLF CLASSIC**—Whitefish 862-1948



APRIL

- 1-17 **CYCLE ONLY DAYS**—West Yellowstone 646-7701
- 4-6 **ANNUAL HOME & GARDEN SHOW & SALE**—Great Falls 452-4663
- 5 **FAMILY CONNECTIONS ANNUAL CHILDREN'S ACTIVITY FAIR**—Great Falls 761-6010
- 5 **IDIDITALL**—Whitefish 862-2900
- 5 **MANNEQUIN JUMPING**—Neihart 236-5522
- 5 **RUN FOR THE TREES**—Missoula 721-7275
- 10-13 **MSU SPRING RODEO**—Bozeman 994-2403
- 11-12 **SPRING FLING HOME GARDEN & SPORTS EXPO**—Glendive 377-5601
- 12 **LINCOLN IDITAROD DAY**—Lincoln 362-4633
- 18-19 **AMERICAN INDIAN COUNCIL OF MSU POW-WOW**—Bozeman 994-3751
- 18-5/10 **CIRCLE OF FRIENDS MONTANA SHOP HOP**—Helena 439-2930
- 20 **SUMMIT CLASSIC 5K**—Kalispell 751-4133
- 25-26 **14TH ANNUAL MONTANA STORYTELLING ROUNDUP**—Cut Bank 336-3253
- 25-26 **BUDDY DEFRANCO JAZZ FESTIVAL**—Missoula 243-5071
- 25-27 **DAVID THOMPSON BLACK POWDER SHOOT & RENDEZVOUS**—Eureka 882-4691
- 25-27 **FLATIRON QUILT SHOW**—Thompson Falls 827-3377
- 25-27 **RENDEZVOUS DAYS**—Eureka 889-3311
- 25-27 **SCRAPS AND THREADS ANNUAL QUILT SHOW**—Eureka 889-5935
- 26 **MISSION VALLEY TRADE FAIR AND BUSINESS EXPO**—Polson 883-5255
- 26-27 **MONTANA HIGH SCHOOL RODEO**—Three Forks 285-4753
- 27 **2008 ICE BREAKER ROAD RACE**—Great Falls 771-1265
- 28 **TASTE THE BEST OF BIGFORK**—Bigfork 837-5888



For a complete listing of all Montana events, including those not available at press time, log onto www.visitmt.com

MONTANA STORYTELLING ROUNDUP MEETING AGENDA
JAN. 26, 2009 6:30PM JEWELL'S

CALL TO ORDER

INTRODUCE BETSY & DENNIS SEGLEM

ROLL CALL

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

TREASURER'S REPORT

OLD BUSINESS:

MONTANA CULTURAL GRANT---MARION

UPDATE ON JACK GLADSTONE

ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS:

PPL GRANT APPLICATION

DONATION LETTERS TO LOCAL BUSINESSES

SCHOOL USE APPLICATION—LEE J.

HORIZON AIR ARTICLE—MARCH

ARTICLES IN LOCAL PAPER—START IN FEB.

BUTTONS—JIM ELLIS

RAFFLE TICKETS---MARION

EMCEE??

LUNCH ON SATURDAY??---ANY SUGGESTIONS?

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

ENTERTAINERS:

SCHOOLS:

- 1 MICHEAL "BOOTS" ROBINSON---MUSIC-COWBOY POETRY
- 2 JOHN DAGEL---VENTRILOQUY---PUPPETS-MAGIC
- 3 DENNIS SEGLEM---100TH ANNIV. OF HOMESTEAD ACT
- 4 JACK GLADSTONE---INDIAN STORIES---SONGS
- 5 NAN CHRISTIANSON---USFS---MONTANA NAT'L TREE
- 6 NOEL DURAM---GUN POWDER MOUNTAIN MAN
- 7 CHRISTI & MATT TUMA---COWBOY POETRY

HUMANITIES:

- 8 ——— RICHARD BAKER---CRUSATTE OF LEWIS & CLARK---PLAYS FIDDLE
TUNES AS HE WOULD HAVE THEN. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED
- 9 ——— CURLY BEAR WAGNER---

OTHER SUGGESTIONS:

MIKE LOGAN---AUTHOR-COWBOY POET-PHOTOGRAPHY

NORMA ASHBY

JOHN BEACH

ANY OTHER NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING

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